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REF: (A) STATE 187461 OF 27 AUGUST 1974
(B) STATE 057224 OF 15 MARCH 1975

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS YOU DO NOT CANCEL PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER 474012 FOR A METRO VAN TO REPLACE VEHICLE INVENTORY NO. 094002 AS PROPOSED REFTEL (B). SEE PARAGRAPH 4 FOR EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. THERE ARE 23 VEHICLES IN THE EMBASSY FLEET OF WHICH FOUR ARE ASSIGNED. VEHICLE NO. 214999, CHRYSLER IMPERIAL, IS ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE USE OF THE AMBASSADOR. VEHICLE NO. 344011, 1974 CHEVROLET BELAIR, IS ASSIGNED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION. VEHICLE NO. 064005, 1974 CHEVROLET AMBULANCE, IS ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY DISPENSARY. VEHICLE NO. 4S0111, 1974 CHEVROLET BELAIR, IS RESERVED FOR SECURITY FUNCTIONS.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR ASSIGNED VEHICLES THERE ARE SIX CARRYALLS, TWO SEDANSN 5 STAKE TRUCKS, ONE OF WHICH WAS PICKED UP FROM AID/A, TWO VANS ALSO FROM AID/A (BOTH ARE 1967 MODELS WITH OVER 100,000 MILES ON THEM), ONE TANKER TRUCK FROM AID/A, ONE TRACTOR AND ONE PICK-UP.

4. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EMBASSY POOL:

A. WE RECOMMEND THAT CARRYALLS (NO. 274500 AND 374519) BE REPLACED, WHEN SCHEDULED, BY STATIONWAGONS TO GIVE
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EMBASSY POOL MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

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ALL OTHER CARRYALLS SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH LIE
VEHICLES.
B. REPLACE 094002 AS SCHEDULED WITH A STEP-VAN AT WHICH
TIME EMBASSY WILL DISPOSE OF W VEHICLES--PORPPW AND
EX-AID 1970 STAKE.
C. REPLACE 094001 WITH A VAN AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY WILL
SELL TWO VEHICLES, 094001 AND ONE EX-AID 1967 VAN.
D. REPLACE 174507 WITH A VAN AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY WILL
SELL TWO VEHICLES, 174507 AND OTHER EX-AID VAN.
E. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE EMBASSY RETAIN THE EX-AID
TANKER (SEE KABUL 5071, AUGUST 1974). ALTHOUGH THIS
VEHICLE IS SIX YEARS OLD , IT HAS RELATIVELY LOW MILEAGE
AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO SERVE FOR TWO MORE YEARS.
RECOMMEND REPLACEMENT FY-77.

TM THE 1967 IHC CARRYALL, WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM AID IS BEING
USED AS A POOL VEHICLE FOR THE EMBASSY DISPENSARY. THE DISPENSARY
IS LOCATED ON THE USAID COMPOUND, APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES FROM
THE EMBASSYN AND ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY MOTOR POOL IS NOT PRAC-
TICABLEM THIS VEHICLE IS USED TO PICK UP NURSES AND DOCTORS
WHO ARE ON CALL AFTER HOURS AND TO PICK UP MEALS FOR PATIENTS
CONFINED TO THE DISPENSARY. IT IS ALSO USED TO PICK UP VARIOUS
SUPPLES AND MESSAGES FROM THE EMBASSY. THIS VEHICLE IS IN FAIR
CONDITION DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT NOW HAS UTNPPP MILES ON IT.
THIS VEHICLE SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT IN FY76.

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